

(2+1) null-plane quantum Poincaré group from a factorized universal R -matrix

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Abstract

The non-standard (Jordanian) quantum deformations of $so(2, 2)$ and (2+1) Poincaré algebras are constructed by starting from a quantum $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ basis such that simple factorized expressions for their corresponding universal R -matrices are obtained. As an application, the null-plane quantum (2+1) Poincaré Poisson-Lie group is quantized by following the FRT prescription. Matrix and differential representations of this null-plane deformation are presented, and the influence of the choice of the basis in the resultant q -Schrödinger equation governing the deformed null plane evolution is commented.

1 Introduction

Among quantum deformations of Poincaré algebra we find three remarkable Hopf structures. Two of them are obtained in a natural way within a purely kinematical framework encoded within the usual Poincaré basis. They are the well-known κ -Poincaré algebra [1, 2] where the deformation parameter can be interpreted as a fundamental time scale and a q -Poincaré algebra [3] where the quantum parameter is a fundamental length. On the other hand, the remaining structure (the null-plane quantum Poincaré algebra recently introduced in [4, 5]) strongly differs from the previous ones: firstly, it is constructed in a null-plane context where the Poincaré invariance splits into a kinematical and dynamical part [6] and, secondly, this case is a quantization of a non-standard (triangular) coboundary Lie bialgebra.

We also recall that the related problem of obtaining universal R -matrices for standard Poincaré deformations has been only solved in (2+1) dimensions [7, 8]. In the non-standard case, relevant successes have been recently obtained: the universal R -matrix for the (1+1) case has been deduced in [9, 10, 11] and a (2+1) solution has been recently given in [12].

The aim of this letter is twofold: on one hand, to present a simplified construction of the universal R -matrices for non-standard quantum $so(2, 2)$ and (2+1) Poincaré algebras, which is based on the $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ factorized R -matrix introduced in [13] (sections 2 and 3). Within this construction a (non-linear) change of basis (whose origin lies in a T -matrix construction [11, 14]) is essential, and will lead to rather new expressions for all these quantizations. From a physical point of view, it is important to stress that $so(2, 2)$ is interpreted in a conformal context: i.e., its classical counterpart acts as the group of conformal transformations on the (1+1) Minkowskian space-time. The second objective is to get a deeper insight in the (2+1) null-plane quantization by constructing the associated quantum group and by exploring its representation theory. All these results are presented in Section 4.

2 Non-standard quantum $so(2, 2)$ revisited

Let us consider the coproduct and the commutation relations of the non-standard quantum $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$, denoted by $U_z sl(2, \mathbb{R}) = \langle A, A_+, A_- \rangle$, as [13]:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(A_+) &= 1 \otimes A_+ + A_+ \otimes 1, \\ \Delta(A) &= 1 \otimes A + A \otimes e^{2zA_+}, \\ \Delta(A_-) &= 1 \otimes A_- + A_- \otimes e^{2zA_+},\end{aligned}\tag{2.1}$$

$$[A, A_+] = \frac{e^{2zA_+} - 1}{z}, \quad [A, A_-] = -2A_- + zA^2, \quad [A_+, A_-] = A,\tag{2.2}$$

and the quantum Casimir belonging to the centre of $U_z sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ given by:

$$\mathcal{C}_z = \frac{1}{2}A e^{-2zA_+} A + \frac{1 - e^{-2zA_+}}{2z} A_- + A_- \frac{1 - e^{-2zA_+}}{2z} + e^{-2zA_+} - 1,\tag{2.3}$$

These relations are obtained from the ones given in [4, 15] in terms of $\{J_3, J_+, J_-\}$, by means of the change of basis [13]

$$\begin{aligned} A_+ &= J_+, & A &= e^{zJ_+} J_3, \\ A_- &= e^{zJ_+} J_- - \frac{z}{4} e^{zJ_+} \sinh(zJ_+). \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

In [13] it is shown that the universal element

$$R_z = \exp\{-zA_+ \otimes A\} \exp\{zA \otimes A_+\} \quad (2.5)$$

is a solution of the quantum Yang–Baxter equation and also verifies the property

$$\sigma \circ \Delta(X) = \mathcal{R}_z \Delta(X) \mathcal{R}_z^{-1}, \quad \forall X \in U_z sl(2, \mathbb{R}), \quad (2.6)$$

being σ the flip operator $\sigma(a \otimes b) = b \otimes a$. Hence, R_z is the quantum universal R -matrix for $U_z sl(2, \mathbb{R})$.

Two comments concerning this universal R -matrix are in order: firstly, the significant simplification obtained (as far as the commutation rules (2.2) are concerned) with respect to the original formulation of this non-standard $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ deformation. Secondly, we recall that the factorized expression (2.5) comes from a universal T -matrix formalism [11, 14]. From this point of view, the interest of finding such a kind of factorized expressions is directly related to the interpretation of the transfer matrices as quantum monodromies and the obtention of more manageable algebraic models in quantum field theory (see [16]).

Let us now consider two copies of the non-standard quantum $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ algebra, the former with z and the latter with $-z$ as deformation parameters: $U_z^{(1)} sl(2, \mathbb{R}) = \langle A^1, A_+^1, A_-^1 \rangle$ and $U_{-z}^{(2)} sl(2, \mathbb{R}) = \langle A^2, A_+^2, A_-^2 \rangle$. The generators defined by

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{1}{2}(A^1 - A^2), & D &= \frac{1}{2}(A^1 + A^2), \\ H &= A_+^1 + A_+^2, & P &= A_+^1 - A_+^2, \\ C_1 &= -A_-^1 - A_-^2, & C_2 &= A_-^1 - A_-^2, \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

give rise to a non-standard quantum deformation of $so(2, 2)$ [4]:

$$U_z so(2, 2) \simeq U_z^{(1)} sl(2, \mathbb{R}) \oplus U_{-z}^{(2)} sl(2, \mathbb{R}).$$

At a purely classical level, $SO(2, 2)$ can be regarded in this basis as the group of conformal transformations of the (1+1) Minkowskian space-time, where K generates the boosts, H the time translations, P the space translations, D is a dilation generator and C_1, C_2 generate specific conformal transformations. The Hopf algebra structure of $U_z so(2, 2)$ obtained in this way is given by the following coproduct (Δ), counit (ϵ), antipode (γ) and commutation relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(H) &= 1 \otimes H + H \otimes 1, & \Delta(P) &= 1 \otimes P + P \otimes 1, \\ \Delta(K) &= 1 \otimes K + K \otimes e^{zP} \cosh zH + D \otimes e^{zP} \sinh zH, \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta(D) = 1 \otimes D + D \otimes e^{zP} \cosh zH + K \otimes e^{zP} \sinh zH, \quad (2.8)$$

$$\Delta(C_1) = 1 \otimes C_1 + C_1 \otimes e^{zP} \cosh zH - C_2 \otimes e^{zP} \sinh zH,$$

$$\Delta(C_2) = 1 \otimes C_2 + C_2 \otimes e^{zP} \cosh zH - C_1 \otimes e^{zP} \sinh zH,$$

$$\epsilon(X) = 0, \quad \text{for } X \in \{K, H, P, C_1, C_2, D\}, \quad (2.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(H) &= -H, & \gamma(P) &= -P, \\ \gamma(K) &= -Ke^{-zP} \cosh zH + De^{-zP} \sinh zH, \\ \gamma(D) &= -De^{-zP} \cosh zH + Ke^{-zP} \sinh zH, \\ \gamma(C_1) &= -C_1e^{-zP} \cosh zH - C_2e^{-zP} \sinh zH, \\ \gamma(C_2) &= -C_2e^{-zP} \cosh zH - C_1e^{-zP} \sinh zH, \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [K, H] &= \frac{1}{z}(e^{zP} \cosh zH - 1), & [K, P] &= \frac{1}{z}e^{zP} \sinh zH, \\ [K, C_1] &= C_2 - z(K^2 + D^2), & [K, C_2] &= C_1 + 2zKD, \\ [D, H] &= \frac{1}{z}e^{zP} \sinh zH, & [D, P] &= \frac{1}{z}(e^{zP} \cosh zH - 1), \\ [D, C_1] &= -C_1 - 2zKD, & [D, C_2] &= -C_2 + z(K^2 + D^2), \\ [H, C_1] &= -2D, & [H, C_2] &= 2K, & [P, C_1] &= -2K, & [P, C_2] &= 2D, \\ [K, D] &= 0, & [H, P] &= 0, & [C_1, C_2] &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Note that (2.8) presents an interesting feature: both generators H and P are primitive ones. Therefore, this conformal approach to $so(2, 2)$ leads to a quantum structure that can be interpreted as an attempt in order to deform the (1+1) Minkowskian space and time in a rather symmetrical way.

Two elements of the centre of $U_z so(2, 2)$ are constructed from the quantum Casimirs (2.3) of $U_z^{(1)} sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ and $U_{-z}^{(2)} sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ as:

$$\mathcal{C}_1^q = \mathcal{C}_z^{(1)} + \mathcal{C}_{-z}^{(2)}, \quad \mathcal{C}_2^q = \mathcal{C}_z^{(1)} - \mathcal{C}_{-z}^{(2)}. \quad (2.12)$$

After a straightforward computation we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_1^q &= Ke^{-zP} \cosh(zH)K + De^{-zP} \cosh(zH)D \\ &\quad - Ke^{-zP} \sinh(zH)D - De^{-zP} \sinh(zH)K \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2z}(1 - e^{-zP} \cosh zH)C_2 + C_2 \frac{1}{2z}(1 - e^{-zP} \cosh zH) \\ &\quad - e^{-zP} \frac{\sinh zH}{2z}C_1 - C_1e^{-zP} \frac{\sinh zH}{2z} + 2(e^{-zP} \cosh zH - 1), \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_2^q &= Ke^{-zP} \cosh(zH)D + De^{-zP} \cosh(zH)K \\ &\quad - Ke^{-zP} \sinh(zH)K - De^{-zP} \sinh(zH)D \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2z}(1 - e^{-zP} \cosh zH)C_1 - C_1 \frac{1}{2z}(1 - e^{-zP} \cosh zH) \\ &\quad + e^{-zP} \frac{\sinh zH}{2z}C_2 + C_2e^{-zP} \frac{\sinh zH}{2z} - 2e^{-zP} \sinh zH. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

Likewise, the universal R -matrix for $U_z so(2, 2)$ can be easily deduced as a product of those corresponding to the two copies of $U_z sl(2, \mathbb{R})$ (2.5):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}_z &= R_z^{(1)} R_{-z}^{(2)} = \exp\{-zA_+^1 \otimes A^1\} \exp\{zA^1 \otimes A_+^1\} \exp\{zA_+^2 \otimes A^2\} \exp\{-zA^2 \otimes A_+^2\} \\ &= \exp\{-zA_+^1 \otimes A^1 + zA_+^2 \otimes A^2\} \exp\{zA^1 \otimes A_+^1 - zA^2 \otimes A_+^2\} \\ &= \exp\{-z(H \otimes K + P \otimes D)\} \exp\{z(K \otimes H + D \otimes P)\},\end{aligned}$$

which can be finally written in a complete “factorized” form as:

$$\mathcal{R}_z = \exp\{-zH \otimes K\} \exp\{-zP \otimes D\} \exp\{zD \otimes P\} \exp\{zK \otimes H\}. \quad (2.15)$$

The first order in z gives the classical r -matrix

$$r = z(K \wedge H + D \wedge P), \quad (2.16)$$

which, as expected, is a solution of the classical Yang–Baxter equation.

3 (2+1) null-plane quantum Poincaré algebra

3.1 Null-plane classical Poincaré algebra

We briefly describe the classical structure of the (2+1) Poincaré algebra $\mathcal{P}(2+1)$ in relation with the null-plane evolution scheme [17], in which the initial state of a quantum relativistic system can be defined on a light-like plane Π_n^τ defined by $n \cdot x = \tau$, where n is a light-like vector and τ a real constant. In particular, if $n = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2})$ and the coordinates

$$x^- = n \cdot x = \frac{1}{2}(x^0 - x^2), \quad x^+ = x^0 + x^2, \quad (3.1)$$

are considered, a point $x \in \Pi_n^\tau$ will be labelled by (x^+, x^1) while the remaining one (x^-) plays the role of a time parameter τ . A basis $\{P_+, P_1, P_-, E_1, F_1, K_2\}$ of the (2+1) Poincaré algebra consistent with these coordinates is provided by the generators P_+ , P_- , E_1 and F_1 which are defined in the terms of the usual kinematical ones $\{P_0, P_1, P_2, K_1, K_2, J\}$ by:

$$P_+ = \frac{1}{2}(P_0 + P_2), \quad P_- = P_0 - P_2, \quad E_1 = \frac{1}{2}(K_1 + J), \quad F_1 = K_1 - J. \quad (3.2)$$

This “null-plane” basis has the following non-vanishing commutation rules:

$$\begin{aligned}[K_2, P_\pm] &= \pm P_\pm, \quad [K_2, E_1] = E_1, \quad [K_2, F_1] = -F_1, \\ [E_1, P_+] &= P_+, \quad [F_1, P_+] = P_-, \quad [E_1, F_1] = K_2, \\ [P_+, F_1] &= -P_1, \quad [P_-, E_1] = -P_1.\end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

The operators $\{P_+, P_1, E_1, K_2\}$ are the infinitesimal generators of the stability group S_+ of the null-plane Π_n^0 ($\tau = 0$). The remaining generators have a dynamical

significance: the hamiltonian P_- translates Π_n^0 into Π_n^τ and F_1 rotates it around the surface of the light-cone $x^1 = 0$.

Finally, let us recall that the centre of $\mathcal{P}(2+1)$ is generated by the square of the mass operator M^2 and the intrinsic angular momentum L , which read:

$$M^2 = 2P_-P_+ - P_1^2, \quad (3.4)$$

$$L = K_2P_1 + E_1P_- - F_1P_+. \quad (3.5)$$

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This null-plane Poincaré algebra is naturally linked by a contraction procedure to $so(2, 2)$ when the latter is written in a basis of the kind (2.7). The explicit form of that contraction mapping is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_+ &= \varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}P, & P_1 &= \varepsilon K, & P_- &= -\varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}C_2, \\ E_1 &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}H, & F_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}C_1, & K_2 &= D. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

In the quantum case, the deformation parameter has also to be transformed as $w = \frac{1}{\varepsilon\sqrt{2}}z$. Therefore, by applying (3.6) in the Hopf algebra of $U_z so(2, 2)$ (2.8–2.11) and then by making the limit $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ we get the resulting Hopf structure for the quantum (2+1) null plane Poincaré algebra $U_w \mathcal{P}(2+1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(P_+) &= 1 \otimes P_+ + P_+ \otimes 1, & \Delta(E_1) &= 1 \otimes E_1 + E_1 \otimes 1, \\ \Delta(P_-) &= 1 \otimes P_- + P_- \otimes e^{2wP_+}, & \Delta(P_1) &= 1 \otimes P_1 + P_1 \otimes e^{2wP_+}, \\ \Delta(F_1) &= 1 \otimes F_1 + F_1 \otimes e^{2wP_+} - 2wP_- \otimes e^{2wP_+}E_1, \\ \Delta(K_2) &= 1 \otimes K_2 + K_2 \otimes e^{2wP_+} - 2wP_1 \otimes e^{2wP_+}E_1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

$$\epsilon(X) = 0, \quad \text{for } X \in \{K_2, P_+, P_-, P_1, E_1, F_1\}, \quad (3.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(P_+) &= -P_+, & \gamma(E_1) &= -E_1, \\ \gamma(P_-) &= -P_-e^{-2wP_+}, & \gamma(P_1) &= -P_1e^{-2wP_+}, \\ \gamma(F_1) &= -F_1e^{-2wP_+} - 2wP_-e^{-2wP_+}E_1, \\ \gamma(K_2) &= -K_2e^{-2wP_+} - 2wP_1e^{-2wP_+}E_1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [K_2, P_+] &= \frac{1}{2w}(e^{2wP_+} - 1), & [K_2, P_-] &= -P_- - wP_1^2, \\ [K_2, E_1] &= E_1e^{2wP_+}, & [K_2, F_1] &= -F_1 - 2wP_1K_2, \\ [E_1, P_1] &= \frac{1}{2w}(e^{2wP_+} - 1), & [F_1, P_1] &= P_- + wP_1^2, \\ [E_1, F_1] &= K_2, & [P_+, F_1] &= -P_1, & [P_-, E_1] &= -P_1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

where the remaining commutators are zero. Note that the generators of the null-plane stability group close a Hopf subalgebra $U_w S_+$. As a byproduct of the original

change of basis within $sl(2, \mathbb{R})$, these commutation rules are simpler than the ones given in [4].

The quantum Casimirs belonging to the centre of $U_w\mathcal{P}(2+1)$ are deduced from (2.13) and (2.14) by means of the limits:

$$M_q^2 = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (-\varepsilon^2 \mathcal{C}_1^q), \quad L_q = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} (\varepsilon \mathcal{C}_2^q), \quad (3.11)$$

explicitly,

$$M_q^2 = P_- \frac{1 - e^{-2wP_+}}{w} - P_1^2 e^{-2wP_+}, \quad (3.12)$$

$$L_q = K_2 P_1 e^{-2wP_+} + E_1 (P_- + wP_1^2) e^{-2wP_+} - F_1 \frac{1 - e^{-2wP_+}}{2w}. \quad (3.13)$$

The universal R -matrix $U_w\mathcal{P}(2+1)$ is also directly obtained from (2.15) and reads:

$$\mathcal{R}_w = \exp\{2wE_1 \otimes P_1\} \exp\{-2wP_+ \otimes K_2\} \exp\{2wK_2 \otimes P_+\} \exp\{-2wP_1 \otimes E_1\}. \quad (3.14)$$

A differential representation of U_wS_+ with coordinates (p_+, p_1) can be given as follows:

$$P_+ = p_+, \quad P_1 = p_1, \quad K_2 = \frac{e^{2wp_+} - 1}{2w} \partial_+, \quad E_1 = \frac{e^{2wp_+} - 1}{2w} \partial_1, \quad (3.15)$$

where $\partial_+ = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_+}$ and $\partial_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial p_1}$. With the aid of the quantum Casimirs a spin-zero differential representation ($L_q = 0$) for the two remaining generators of $U_w\mathcal{P}(2+1)$ can be deduced:

$$P_- = \frac{w(m_q^2 + p_1^2 e^{-2wp_+})}{1 - e^{-2wp_+}}, \quad F_1 = p_1 \partial_+ + \frac{w(m_q^2 + p_1^2)}{1 - e^{-2wp_+}} \partial_1, \quad (3.16)$$

where m_q^2 is the eigenvalue of the q -Casimir (3.12). Similarly to the classical case, we can take the coordinate x^- as an evolution parameter (τ) and thus we can consider a wave function $\psi(p_+, p_1, \tau)$ whose evolution is determined by the q -Schrödinger equation provided by the Hamiltonian P_- : $i\partial_\tau\psi = P_-\psi$. In terms of the representation (3.16) we get:

$$i\partial_\tau\psi(p_+, p_1, \tau) = \frac{w(m_q^2 + p_1^2 e^{-2wp_+})}{1 - e^{-2wp_+}} \psi(p_+, p_1, \tau), \quad (3.17)$$

which is different from the one given in [5] for the (3+1) case. This fact can be more clearly appreciated by writing the power series expansion in w of P_- :

$$\begin{aligned} P_- &= \frac{w(m_q^2 + p_1^2 e^{-2wp_+})}{1 - e^{-2wp_+}} = \frac{w(m_q^2 e^{wp_+} + p_1^2 e^{-wp_+})}{2 \sinh wp_+} \\ &= \frac{m_q^2 + p_1^2}{2p_+} + w \frac{m_q^2 - p_1^2}{2} + w^2 \frac{p_+(m_q^2 + p_1^2)}{6} + o(w^3). \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

The zero-term in w can be identified with a kinetic term of the null-plane bound state equation in quantum chromodynamics [18, 19] while all remaining terms in w constitute a dynamical part, now including a first order term in w (that is absent in [5]). Therefore, this deformation of the null-plane symmetry has some intrinsic dynamical content whose explicit description depends on the way in which the deformation is constructed.

4 (2+1) Null-plane quantum Poincaré group

The Lie bialgebra underlying the quantum Hopf algebra of $U_w\mathcal{P}(2+1)$ is generated by the non-standard classical r -matrix (first order in w of (3.14)):

$$r = 2(K_2 \wedge P_+ + E_1 \wedge P_1), \quad (4.1)$$

which provides the cocommutators $\delta(X) = [1 \otimes X + X \otimes 1, r]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(P_+) &= 0, & \delta(E_1) &= 0, \\ \delta(P_1) &= 2P_1 \wedge P_+, & \delta(P_-) &= 2P_- \wedge P_+, \\ \delta(F_1) &= 2(F_1 \wedge P_+ + E_1 \wedge P_-), \\ \delta(K_2) &= 2(K_2 \wedge P_+ + E_1 \wedge P_1). \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

They are related to the first order term in the deformation parameter of the coproduct (3.7) by means of $\delta = \Delta_{(1)} - \sigma \circ \Delta_{(1)}$.

The r -matrix (4.1) also allows to deduce the associated Poisson structure to the Poincaré algebra. Let the four-dimensional matrix representation of $\mathcal{P}(2+1)$ given by:

$$\begin{aligned} D(P_+) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & D(P_-) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & D(P_1) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ D(E_1) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix} & D(F_1) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} & D(K_2) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

Then a 4×4 representation of the element $g = e^{a^+ P_+} e^{a^- P_-} e^{a^1 P_1} e^{e^1 E_1} e^{f^1 F_1} e^{k^2 K_2}$ belonging to the (2+1) Poincaré group is

$$D(g) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{a^+}{2} + a^- & \Lambda_0^0 & \Lambda_1^0 & \Lambda_2^0 \\ a^1 & \Lambda_0^1 & \Lambda_1^1 & \Lambda_2^1 \\ \frac{a^+}{2} - a^- & \Lambda_0^2 & \Lambda_1^2 & \Lambda_2^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (4.4)$$

where the Λ_ν^μ are the matrix elements of the Lorentz subgroup (whose generators are E_1 , F_1 and K_2) satisfying the pseudo-orthogonality condition:

$$\Lambda_\nu^\mu \Lambda_\sigma^\rho \eta^{\nu\sigma} = \eta^{\mu\rho}, \quad (\eta^{\mu\rho}) = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1). \quad (4.5)$$

The Poisson brackets of the coordinate functions on the Poincaré group are obtained by calculating the Poisson bivector

$$\{D(g) \dot{\otimes} D(g)\} = [r, D(g) \dot{\otimes} D(g)], \quad (4.6)$$

writing the r -matrix (4.1) in terms of the matrix representation (4.3). The final result can be summarized as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \{a^+, a^1\} &= -2w a^1, \quad \{a^+, a^-\} = -2w a^-, \quad \{a^1, a^-\} = 0, \\ \{\Lambda_\nu^\mu, \Lambda_\rho^\sigma\} &= 0, \quad \nu, \mu, \rho, \sigma = 0, 1, 2; \\ \{\Lambda_\nu^\mu, a^+\} &= -2\delta_{\mu 0}\Lambda_\nu^2 - 2\delta_{\mu 2}\Lambda_\nu^0 - (\mu - 1)(\nu - 1) + (\Lambda_0^\mu + \Lambda_2^\mu)(\Lambda_\nu^0 + \Lambda_\nu^2), \\ \{\Lambda_\nu^\mu, a^1\} &= \delta_{\mu 1}(1 - \nu - \Lambda_\nu^0 + \Lambda_\nu^1 + \Lambda_\nu^2) + \Lambda_\nu^1(\Lambda_0^\mu + \Lambda_2^\mu - 1), \\ \{\Lambda_\nu^\mu, a^-\} &= \frac{1}{2}(\mu - 1)^2(\nu - 1) + \frac{1}{2}(\Lambda_0^\mu + \Lambda_2^\mu)(\Lambda_\nu^0 - \Lambda_\nu^2). \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

It is worth comparing these expressions with the results related to the classical r -matrix of the κ -Poincaré algebra [20, 21, 22].

The classical matrix representation (4.3) is also valid for $U_w \mathcal{P}(2+1)$ since $D(P_+)^2$ vanishes. This fact can be used to get an explicit expression for \mathcal{R}_w :

$$D(\mathcal{R}_w) = I \otimes I + 2w(D(K_2) \wedge D(P_+) + D(E_1) \wedge D(P_1)), \quad (4.8)$$

where I is the 4×4 identity matrix. The fulfillment of property (2.6) allows to apply the FRT method [23]:

$$RT_1T_2 = T_2T_1R, \quad (4.9)$$

where R is (4.8), $T_1 = T \otimes I$, $T_2 = I \otimes T$, being T the group element (4.4) but now with non-commutative entries: $\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^\mu$ and \hat{a}^i . The commutation relations of the quantum Poincaré group read

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{a}^+, \hat{a}^1] &= -2w \hat{a}^1, \quad [\hat{a}^+, \hat{a}^-] = -2w \hat{a}^-, \quad [\hat{a}^1, \hat{a}^-] = 0, \\ [\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^\mu, \hat{\Lambda}_\rho^\sigma] &= 0, \quad \nu, \mu, \rho, \sigma = 0, 1, 2; \\ [\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^\mu, \hat{a}^+] &= -2\delta_{\mu 0}\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^2 - 2\delta_{\mu 2}\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^0 - (\mu - 1)(\nu - 1) + (\hat{\Lambda}_0^\mu + \hat{\Lambda}_2^\mu)(\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^0 + \hat{\Lambda}_\nu^2), \\ [\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^\mu, \hat{a}^1] &= \delta_{\mu 1}(1 - \nu - \hat{\Lambda}_\nu^0 + \hat{\Lambda}_\nu^1 + \hat{\Lambda}_\nu^2) + \hat{\Lambda}_\nu^1(\hat{\Lambda}_0^\mu + \hat{\Lambda}_2^\mu - 1), \\ [\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^\mu, \hat{a}^-] &= \frac{1}{2}(\mu - 1)^2(\nu - 1) + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\Lambda}_0^\mu + \hat{\Lambda}_2^\mu)(\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^0 - \hat{\Lambda}_\nu^2), \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

with the additional relations:

$$\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^\mu \hat{\Lambda}_\sigma^\rho \eta^{\nu\sigma} = \eta^{\mu\rho}, \quad (\eta^{\mu\rho}) = \text{diag}(1, -1, -1). \quad (4.11)$$

As it happened with the κ -Poincaré group [21, 22] these commutation relations are also a Weyl quantization $[,] \rightarrow w^{-1}[,]$ of the Poisson brackets of the coordinate functions on the Poincaré group (4.7), and moreover, all the Lorentz coordinates $\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^\mu$

commute among themselves so that there is no ordering ambiguity. The associated coproduct, counit and antipode can be deduced from relations $\Delta(T) = T \dot{\otimes} T$, $\epsilon(T) = I$ and $\gamma(T) = T^{-1}$, respectively. In particular, the coproduct is:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(\hat{a}^+) &= \hat{a}^+ \otimes 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\Lambda}_0^0 + \hat{\Lambda}_0^2 + \hat{\Lambda}_2^0 + \hat{\Lambda}_2^2) \otimes \hat{a}^+ \\ &\quad + (\hat{\Lambda}_1^0 + \hat{\Lambda}_1^2) \otimes \hat{a}^1 + (\hat{\Lambda}_0^0 + \hat{\Lambda}_0^2 - \hat{\Lambda}_2^0 - \hat{\Lambda}_2^2) \otimes \hat{a}^-, \\ \Delta(\hat{a}^1) &= \hat{a}^1 \otimes 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\Lambda}_0^1 + \hat{\Lambda}_2^1) \otimes \hat{a}^+ + \hat{\Lambda}_1^1 \otimes \hat{a}^1 + (\hat{\Lambda}_0^1 - \hat{\Lambda}_2^1) \otimes \hat{a}^-, \quad (4.12) \\ \Delta(\hat{a}^-) &= \hat{a}^- \otimes 1 + \frac{1}{4}(\hat{\Lambda}_0^0 - \hat{\Lambda}_0^2 + \hat{\Lambda}_2^0 - \hat{\Lambda}_2^2) \otimes \hat{a}^+ \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\Lambda}_1^0 - \hat{\Lambda}_1^2) \otimes \hat{a}^1 + \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\Lambda}_0^0 - \hat{\Lambda}_0^2 - \hat{\Lambda}_2^0 + \hat{\Lambda}_2^2) \otimes \hat{a}^-, \\ \Delta(\hat{\Lambda}_\nu^\mu) &= \hat{\Lambda}_\sigma^\mu \otimes \hat{\Lambda}_\nu^\sigma.\end{aligned}$$

The quantum (2+1) Poincaré plane of coordinates $(\hat{x}^+, \hat{x}^1, \hat{x}^-)$ characterized by

$$[\hat{x}^+, \hat{x}^1] = -2w \hat{x}^1, \quad [\hat{x}^+, \hat{x}^-] = -2w \hat{x}^-, \quad [\hat{x}^1, \hat{x}^-] = 0, \quad (4.13)$$

is easily derived from the first three commutators of (4.10). Note that it includes, as a particular case, the quantum (1+1) Poincaré plane $[\hat{x}^+, \hat{x}^-] = -2w \hat{x}^-$ [11]. The coordinates (\hat{x}^+, \hat{x}^1) could be interpreted as the parameters of a quantum light-like plane while the remaining one \hat{x}^- would be a quantum time.

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